

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification at page 1 line 1 , please insert the following new paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application (under 35 U.S.C. 371) of PCT/EP2003/009453 filed August 26, 2003, which claims benefit of German application 102 39 082.7 filed August 26, 2002.

In the specification at page 6, line 24, before the heading "Detailed description of the invention," please insert the following new paragraphs:

Brief description of the figures

Figure 1 shows the plasmid map for plasmid pC lysC.

Figure 2 shows the plasmid map for plasmid pCIS lysC thr31 ile.

Figure 3 shows the plasmid map for plasmid pC Phsdh metY_Mt (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*).